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STRUCTURE OF USSR AND SOVIET BLOC DEFENSE ORGANIZATIONS

[Comment: The following are excerpts from an article entitled, "Data on the Possibility of a Military Dictatorship in the USSR."]

Structure of USSR Ministry of War

Marshal Voroshilov, Chairman of the Presidium, Supreme Soviet USSR, oldest ranking marshal

Marshal Bulganin, Deputy Chairman, Council of Ministers USSR, Minister of Defense USSR

Marshal Vassilevsky, First Deputy Defense Minister Director of Operations

Marshal Sokolovskiy, Second Deputy Defense Minister and Chief of the General Staff

Army ,

Marshal Zhukov, Third Deputy Defense Minister and Commander in Chief of the Army

Six additional Deputy Defense Minister of the Army: (1) Marshal Peresypkin, signal communications; (2) Marshal Bogdanov, tank forces; (3) Marshal Govorov, artillery; (4) Marshal Vorob'yev, engineers; (5) Marshal Khrulev, supply services; and (6) Marshal Budenny, cavalry and motorized troops

Air Force

Marshal Zhigarev, Fourth Deputy Defense Minister and Commander in Chief of the Air Force

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Three additional Deputy Defense Ministers of the Air Force:
(1) Marshal Novikov, tactical air force; (2) Marshal Gelovanov, strategic
air force; and (3) Marshal Shabrenkov, airborne troops

Navy

Admiral Yumashev, Fifth Deputy Defense Minister and Commander in
Chief of the Navy.

Three additional Deputy Defense Ministers of the Navy: Admiral
Kuznetsov and two other admirals -- (1) for tactical navy; (2) for strategic
navy; and (3) for land problems and other services

Structure of East European Defense Council

[Before Stalin's death]

Chairman: Marshal Bulganin (Minister of Armed Forces since 1953)

Deputy chairman: Marshal Zhukov (Deputy Minister of Armed Forces
since 1953)

USSR delegate: Marshal Vasilevskiy (Deputy Minister of Armed Forces
since 1953)

USSR deputy delegate: Marshal Skolovskiy (Deputy Minister of Armed
Forces since 1953)

Commander in chief of land forces: Marshal Konev, commander in chief
of Army Front West

Commander in chief of military police forces: Marshal Timoshenko

Commander in chief of Army Group West: Marshal Rokossovskiy

Commander in chief of Army Group South: Marshal Tolbukhin

[After Stalin's death]

Chairman: Bulganin

Deputy chairman: Vasilevskiy

USSR delegate: Zhukov; deputy: Sokolovskiy

Delegate for Poland: Rokossovskiy; deputy: Korzic

Delegate for Czechoslovakia: Gusev (Russian)

Delegate for Hungary: Farkas

Delegates for Rumania: Bodnartshuk and Suder

Delegate for Bulgaria: Grekov

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Armed Forces and Security Troops in Soviet Bloc Countries

<u>Country</u>	<u>Armed Forces</u>	<u>Security Troops (not under the supreme command of Ministry of War)</u>
Albania	60,000	20,000
Bulgaria	160,000	80,000
Poland	450,000	110,000
Rumania	250,000	100,000
Czechoslovakia	200,000	100,000
Hungary	170,000	100,000
USSR	4,650,000	1,200,000
Total	5,960,000 [sic]	1,710,000

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